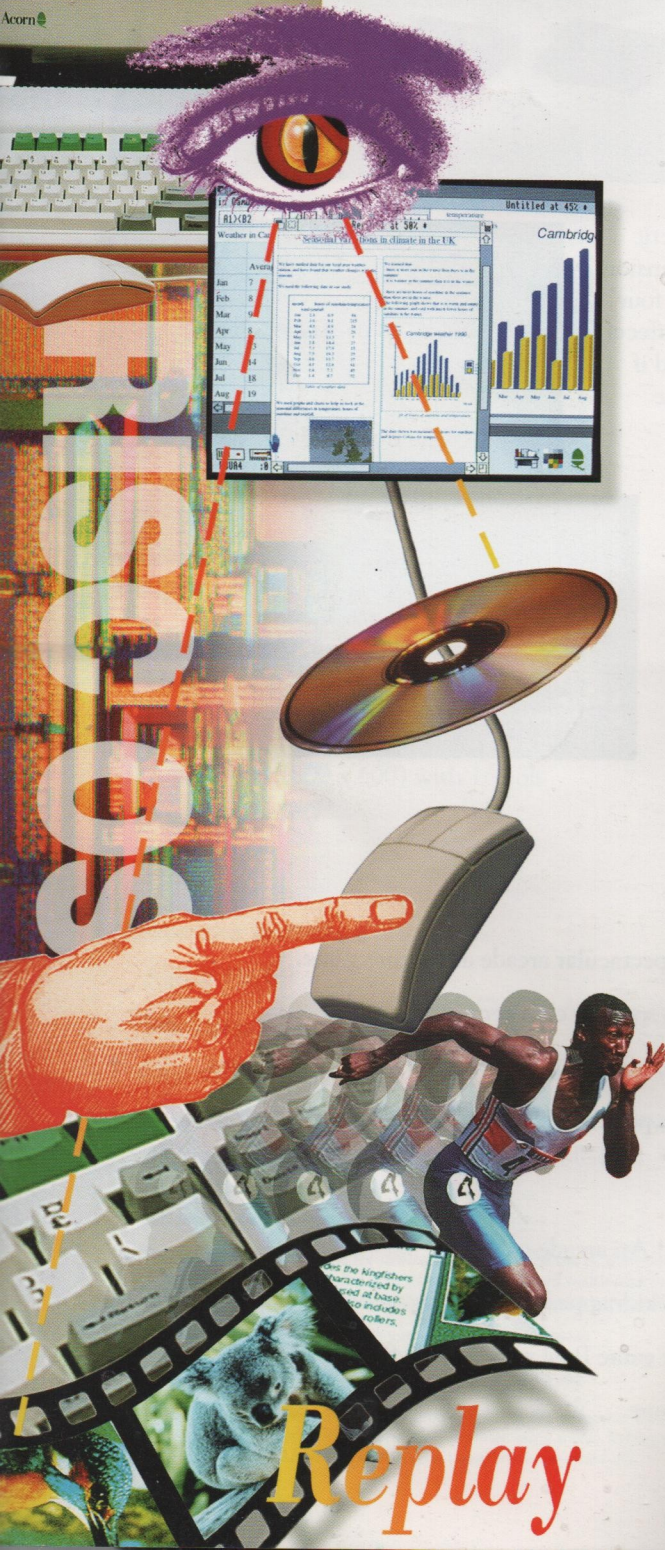




Acorn Computers

The Educated Choice



Whether you want to enjoy some of the best computer games around, support your children's education, improve your personal productivity, or run a business from home, Acorn has the answer.

Choose one of Acorn's 32-bit computers, combined with the Action Pack, The Learning Curve or Home Office software packs, to create a powerful and versatile home computer system.

Every system comes with RISC OS, Acorn's powerful yet easy-to-use operating system, and an extensive applications suite including drawing and painting packages.

Discover more...

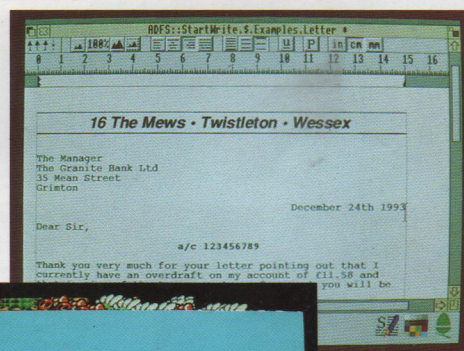
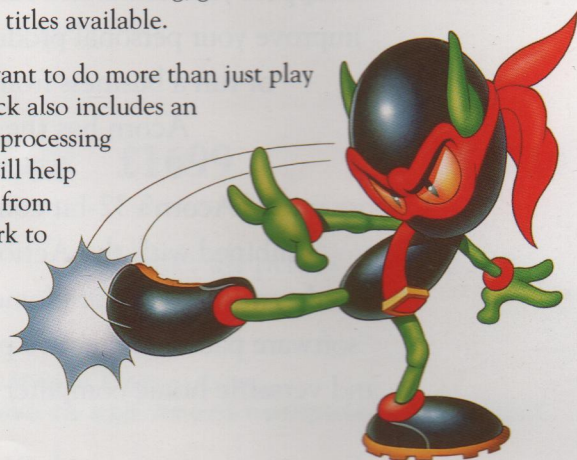
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Action Pack



– he's dead cute but packs an awesome punch! Action Pack also includes four interactive demonstration games with spectacular graphics, super sound effects and varying degrees of skill, all guaranteeing hours of entertainment... and if your children still need convincing, get them to take a look at some of the other 200+ games titles available.

However, you'll want to do more than just play games. Action Pack also includes an easy-to-use, word-processing program, which will help produce anything from school project work to professional business documents.

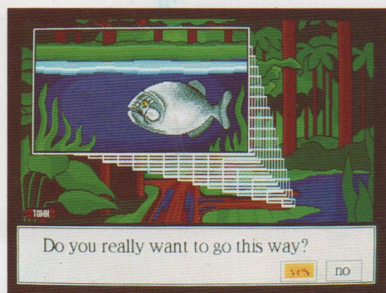


- **Zool** Battle through six fantasy lands to the 'nth' dimension! A spectacular arcade adventure game.
- **Startwrite** A powerful, easy-to-use word processor with built-in spelling checker.
- **Applications suite** A variety of useful applications and tools, including painting and drawing programs.
- **Audio training tape** Step-by-step guide to RISC OS, Acorn's powerful, yet easy-to-use operating system.

Interactive demonstration software:

- **Lemmings** Save incredibly stupid lemmings from certain death! An arcade game.
- **Chuck Rock** Get friendly dinosaurs to help rescue a caveman's kidnapped wife!
- **Superpool** Use a mouse as your cue! A computer version of the game Pool with sound effects.
- **Fervour** Control a space ship over an energy field! An arcade game.

The Learning Curve



Short of going back to school, the best way for a parent to support and assess a child's education is to understand current teaching methods and subject content.

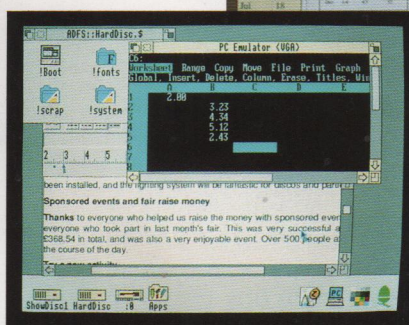
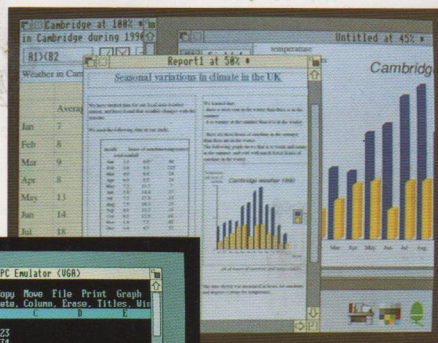
Acorn computers can help you do this because they are used in the majority of UK schools, and are supported by over 2500 dedicated software titles developed to cover every subject in the curriculum.

The Learning Curve includes Advance, a program which smoothly integrates four of the most commonly used computer functions in schools and in business life –

word processing, spreadsheet analysis, database management and graphing. Advance is a versatile program, ideal for study and project work, and for many other tasks such as compiling a thesis, writing personal letters, styling club newsletters, maintaining household accounts or producing financial reports and budget forecasts.

In addition The Learning Curve allows you to use PC software applications, providing the bridge between the home and the office.

To help you understand what your children are studying, and to show you just how effective and imaginative educational computing has become, The Learning Curve also includes a variety of interactive demonstration programs.



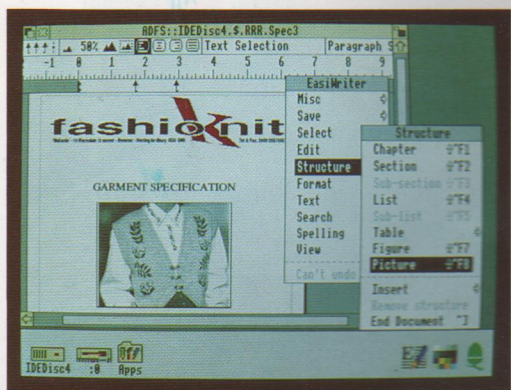
- **Acorn Advance** Integrated word processor, spreadsheet, database and graphing package. Combine text, pictures, charts and graphs at the 'click' of the mouse.
- **PC Emulator with DR DOS 6** Turn your Acorn computer into an IBM-compatible PC and run DOS software.
- **Applications suite** A variety of powerful applications and tools, including painting and drawing programs.
- **Audio training tape** A step-by-step guide to RISC OS, Acorn's powerful yet easy-to-use operating system.

Interactive demonstration software:

- **Rhapsody II, ScoreDraw and VoxBox** Create, play and revise musical scores.
- **Fervour** Control a space ship over an energy field! An arcade game.
- **Topographer** Draw maps, and turn them into 3D landscapes.
- **Darryl the Dragon** Find honey to soothe his sore throat! An adventure game with a range of problems to solve.
- **smArt** Change components in pictures. An educational resource and a collection of ClipArt.
- **The Crystal Rain Forest** Help the King find the crystal, and learn about the environment. An adventure game with mathematical puzzles and problems to solve.
- **Naughty Stories** Let this beautifully animated story read itself!
- **ArcVenture** Join the Vikings for an adventure. Some fun, and a lesson in history.



Home Office



A good image and high productivity are key factors for any company, but particularly for small businesses and home-based professionals, who often do not have the high-cost equipment or the personnel levels to achieve them.

The Home Office software pack is the answer. It contains all the programs you'll need to create a professional image and to help you manage the administrative side of the business.

For example, you could:

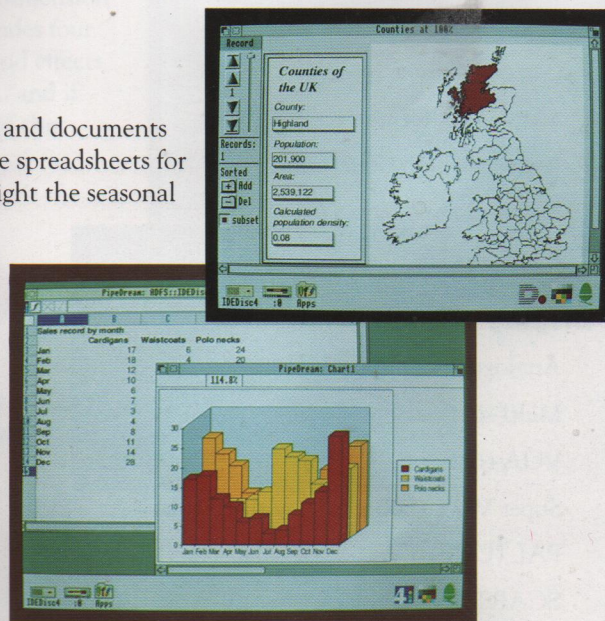
- design a logo and letterhead
- produce personalised letters, reports and documents
- establish an address book or customer database for mailings
- create spreadsheets for stock control and monthly sales figures
- produce 3D graphs to highlight the seasonal trends.

Home Office allows you to perform professional word processing, spreadsheet analysis, database management and graphing – essential for any business or personal productivity tasks!

There is also a program which enables you to use and integrate text and data from PC software applications and to run DOS software.

Home Office also includes two evaluation programs: a professional accounts package and an integrated personal organiser.

Combined with an optional JP150 ink-jet printer, Home Office will provide you with a cost-efficient way to produce top-quality documents.



- **EasiWriter** Professional word processor with a built-in spelling checker, a range of fonts and a mail merge facility.
- **DataPower** DTP-style database management system with a flexible report layout facility, and graphing function.
- **PipeDream 4** Integrated word processor, spreadsheet, database and charting package.
- **PC Emulator with DR DOS 6** Turn your Acorn computer into an IBM compatible PC and run DOS software.
- **Audio training tape** Step-by-step guide to RISC OS, Acorn's powerful, yet easy-to-use operating system.

Interactive demonstration software:

- **Prophet** A powerful accounts application with full relational capabilities.
- **Almanac** An integrated personal organiser, including address book.



Hardware

	A3010 1MB FD	A3010 2MB FD	A4000 2MB HD80	A5000 2MB HD80	A5000 4MB HD 160
CPU (32-Bit RISC architecture)	ARM250	ARM250	ARM250	ARM3	ARM3
Operating system (RISC OS) version	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.11
Main memory	1MB	2MB	2MB	2MB	4MB
Expandable to	4MB*	4MB*	4MB [■]	8MB [□]	8MB [□]
ROM	2MB	2MB	2MB	2MB	2MB
Embedded cache				●	●
Internal hard disc (formatted)	◇	◇	80MB	80MB	160MB
3.5" floppy disc (formatted)	1.6MB	1.6MB	1.6MB	1.6MB	1.6MB
Keyboard (103 key 'enhanced-PC' layout)	●	●	●	●	●
Mouse (3-button)	●	●	●	●	●
Built-in speaker	●	●	●	●	●

Interfaces

Parallel, Centronics compatible	●	●	●	●	●
Serial, RS232	●	●	●	●	●
SCSI controller	◇	◇	◇	○	○
IDE controller	◇	◇	●	●	●
3.5mm jack for stereo sound	●	●	●	●	●
Free expansion slots (mini)	1	1	1		
Free expansion slots (full)				4	4
Joystick ports	2	2			

Display support¹

Analogue RGB (640 x 256) up to 256 cols	●	●	●	●	●
Multi-scan up to 256 cols	●	●	●	●	●
VGA (640 x 480) up to 256 cols	●	●	●	●	●
Super VGA (800 x 600) with 16 cols	●	●	●	●	●
PAL (UHF) TV	●	●			
SCART TV ²	○	○	○	○	○

Software bundles

Action Pack	●				
The Learning Curve		●	○	○	○
Home Office			○	○	○

Key: ● Standard ○ Optional Acorn product ◇ Optional third party product * Optional third party upgrade to 4MB
¹ with suitable monitor ² with suitable lead [□] Optional third party upgrade to 8MB [■] Optional Acorn upgrade to 4MB

Some terms explained

HARD DISC Disc used for storing information for use by the computer. A hard disc unit (if fitted) is enclosed within the computer. It has considerably greater storage capacity than a floppy disc.

MEMORY The computer's information storage areas.

PAL TV Allows direct connection to your TV set.

RAM Random Access Memory. Part of the computer for storing or retrieving information without using a disc. Information in the RAM is lost when the computer is switched off.

RISC Reduced Instruction Set Computing. Widely regarded as the way forward for computer technology. Risc chips implement only a range of the most used instructions which means smaller and cheaper chips that operate faster.

ROM Read Only Memory. ROM does not go away when the computer is switched off. New information cannot be saved in ROM. Acorn computers use ROM to store the computer's Operating System so that it is immediately accessible.

SCSI Small Computer System Interface, for general peripherals.



A3010
(1MB)



A3010
(2MB)



A4000
(2MB HD80)



A5000
(2MB HD80)



A5000
(4MB HD160)

	Base	Action Pack*	The Learning Curve	Home Office	AKF30 Monitor (CGA)	AKF18 Monitor (VGA)	JP150 Printer
A3010 (1MB)		£399			+£249	+£299	+£249
A3010 (2MB)			£749		included		+£249
A4000 (2MB HD80)	£999		£1049	£1099	included	+£50	+£249
A5000 (2MB HD80)	£1499		£1549	£1599		included	+£249
A5000 (4MB HD160)	£1699		£1749	£1799		included	+£249

Note: all prices include VAT

A Guide to Home Computers... and a chance to see Acorn computers in action!

The choice of equipment available for the home can be bewildering, so to help you make the best purchase Acorn has produced a free 'Guide to Home Computers' video containing helpful tips and advice. If you don't already have a copy, or want details of your local Acorn stockist, call Acorn on 0223 254 222.

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